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An event of unusual importance at the Great Broadway Bazaar is apt to cause a change of weather, but just what it will be we cannot predict this far ahead.

Notice. The "event" will be announced in Sunday's papers.

NOTE. Doors will not be open before 8 a. m.

P. S. Special trains will be run from surrounding towns direct to Crawford's.

N. B. Watch for Crawford's corner in the papers to-morrow.

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LATEST EDITION

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The following telegraphic account of the voyage of the World and Post-Dispatch balloon was received from Mr. Edward Duff, the chronicler of the expedition, this morning:

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.

CENTRALIA, Ill., June 18.—The World balloon voyage has, for the present, ended. We landed safely, but with difficulty, a little after 9 o'clock last night, near the farm-house of August Palm, a German, in the town of Hoffman, Clinton County, Ill., distant from St. Louis, almost due east, 55 miles. We had out our drag-rope for about five miles and anchor three miles. We were five miles from the farm-house, and were surrounded by a fence and tearing up good patches of ground. About a dozen farmers chased us the last mile. Finally one of them, Palm, aided by his wife, gave the drag-rope half a dozen turns around an apple tree and brought us up short with terrific violence, nearly throwing us from the car. It required

TWO HOURS TO DESCEND 300 feet. The valve was opened and the bag ripped, but the immense canvas catching the wind acted as a kite and kept aloft holding the drag rope fast. We settled Duff, Doughty and I each had ready a bag of sand wherewith to break the force of the fall. As a last resort August Palm pulled the rip cord, splitting the bag from top to bottom, and she collapsed, descending to the earth almost instantly. The car and canvas was dragged from the cornfield into the highway and there left during the night.

The landing was made at dusk. Moore was very sick and faint from loss of blood from his finger which was lacerated by a bag hook as the Park and everything was done to alleviate his sufferings. His hand had bled copiously during the voyage. He was taken to a near-by farm-house and liniment applied to his lacerated finger. Preparations were then made to remain over night at Palm's house. The provisions were taken from the car to the house, and the baggage was prepared for us. Palm was engaged to keep guard over the car till daylight. At 11 o'clock Moore was in a fainting condition. A passing farm-wagon was hailed and, assisted by Doughty, he set out for Centralia, a town of 8,000 inhabitants, and distant seven miles from Palm's house, to get his bleeding wound dressed by a physician. Dr. W. T. Marshall attended him. He remained with Doughty at the Dunker House till 7 a. m. to-day, and returned to Palm's house still very weak. Hazen and I stayed at Palm's house last night. At about 2 a. m. Palm informed us that a great crowd of natives had

COME TO SEE THE BALLOON, and were stealing our provisions. They finally departed. At day break this morning I engaged a farmer to fetch me to Centralia. No vehicle could be found last night, and I was obliged to travel on foot. I was waiting where to go to cover the seven miles to the nearest telegraph station before midnight. At 12 a. m. reporters from Centralia arrived. When I left Palm's house this morning Hazen was preparing to fly the ten carrier pigeons in messages giving time of day, and the voyage I let loose two pigeons with dispatches tied to their legs, the first to Festus, Mo., the second to Crystal City, Mo. We were so high most of the trip that the earth was but dimly discernible through the clouds. They were, therefore, held for lower altitudes.

Though our voyage was a comparatively short one and began rather inauspiciously, Prof. Hazen tells me that he thinks his meteorological observations, by reason of the great height attained, more valuable than any other taken from a balloon in this country. Our highest altitude was 16,000 feet. This was attained about an hour after leaving St. Louis. This was maintained for over fifteen minutes. It was here that we narrowly escaped disaster. Moore's torn finger was bleeding copiously as we cleared the park grounds. He was unable to make the journey. On mounting upward the roaring in our ears was dreadful. So much ballast had been lost in getting away from the park and in clearing the trees and buildings adjacent thereto that once the upward flight began it was very rapid. Moore collapsed utterly when crossing the Mississippi, and for some time lay

IN A FANTASTIC CONDITION in one corner of the car. His face was ghastly white and his lips purple. Doughty and I hastily searched among our baggage for the remedy. We failed to find it. Hazen was taking observations, but on learning Moore's state got his brandy bottle quickly and Moore was given a few swallows of the brandy, diluted with water. This revived him somewhat. By this time the roaring in my head was terrible. Moore to put on my heavy overcoat. Suddenly Hazen sings out: "We're going too fast; we're above the clouds." Sure enough on looking outside there lay below us great banks of heavy vapor. Trained by hand from the car, and could feel it. Above us the sun was shining full and strong. Through the clouds I peered as through a bride's veil at the earth beneath. Here and there were rents in the veil, through which, as through peep-holes

in a white mask, I could perceive the wide, endless sea of green as grass and yellow spots. I shivered as the cold, clammy vapor permeated my clothing. Hazen slings out as he looks at the aneroid barometer: "WAS 16,200 FEET AND STILL GOING UP."

At this time the temperature had descended to 4 deg. Above and around us were seen the 16,000 feet altitude. This is the highest I believe, any balloon has been in this country. He adds, with some enthusiasm, "The temperature has got down to 17."

Doughty meanwhile shoots off his camera at the clouds. Click, click, comes the sound of his apparatus, as the instantaneous exposures are made. He had previously taken a dozen of landscape views. Moore sits huddled in a heap, dejected, looking like a very sick man. Hazen leans outside to my left, swinging his psychometer outside the car. I sit on one of Doughty's boxes holding in my lap a writing-board, on which I am writing the third page of a large sheet of tissue-paper. The time is about 5:30. Hazen cries in alarm: "We are falling dreadfully. He throws out a bunch of circulars. Instead of descending or floating with us,

WE SHOOT UPWARD

as they leave the car like steam from an exhaust pipe. Moore springs to his feet. "Out with the ballast, boys! Quick!" Weak as he is he grabs what he can and casts it over. Doughty and Hazen have already dropped their instruments and each grabs a bag of sand and over it goes. As it leaves the bag it flies upward like that from a gun strikes the gas bag above it and gradually settles down into the car filling eyes, ears and nostrils almost to suffocation. I realize the peril, I spring to my feet, the circulars and sand shooting upward and a terrific roaring in my ears, with the appalling sense of the frightful velocity with which the car is dropping away from under us, is enough to warn me. I stand in the center of the car. As I look off over the edge of it I perceive

the hitherto small green and yellow cheeks divided by dark streaks representing the green sward and fields of ripening wheat diversified by great forests, grow as I look at them. Now the fields spread out like a vast carpet, and the trees are like a forest of giant palms. The car is now a mere speck in the distance, and there a town, here a gleaming crystal stream and under a gray-white highway. My view of these objects is but momentary: "Over with ballast! Over with ballast!" yells Moore, himself throwing out what he can; and the circulars and sand shoot upward, and which fly upward the instant they leave the car.

"Something wrong boys; if we don't stop her right away, we're lost."

OVERBOARD, QUICK, WITH EVERYTHING," goes the shout, and the circulars the faster I catch hold of the great hickory hoop overhead, and prepare for the worst. Up come the tops of the forest trees, until the 700 feet of drag-rope touches them. Up again till the rope settles upon the ground 300 feet or more, thus relieving the car of its weight. At last the time tugging at the cable between the tree and the balloon, Doughty and I had each a bag of sand ready to run out to break the force of the fall, but luckily

we came to the ground so easily the ballast was not needed. Hazen was the first to leap out. Doughty and Moore and I remained till the car was finally lodged in the road which separated the corn-fields from Palm's house. Then we got out and ascertained that we were at Hoffman, seven miles from Centralia, a town of 8,000 inhabitants, and distant seven miles from Palm's house. The car was then dark and about 9 o'clock. The bag was still lying, inflated, on its side and would not settle. Through a hole near the top, the wind flew and several feet long, the wind rushed in and kept the bag expanded. Moore finally pulled the rip cord and split the bag from top to bottom, and the deflated balloon, then it collapsed suddenly with a swishing whirring sound, and in an instant lay on spread flat upon the ground, a mass of lemon-colored cloth. Palm was set to watching the car. We are agreed that the cause for the extraordinary loss of gas was due to some serious injury to the gas bag, inflicted while filling. What was done in sixteen hours could be better done in less than the half of that time. EDWARD DUFF.

A SCIENTIFIC SUCCESS.

The Signal Service Officer Reports the Voyage a Grand Success for Observations.

Prof. H. Allen Hazen, the Signal Service officer, reports that the ascension was the most valuable ever made for meteorological purposes. His report below gives a graphic account of the ascent:

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HUXLEY, Ill., June 18.—The balloon voyage has been eminently successful in the cause of science. The great difficulty in the inflation and ascension, which was hazardous to the original intention of the projectors, rather favored the scientific results. The necessity of expending ballast at the first to clear the clouds lightened enough to carry us nearly sixteen thousand feet high, thus giving an excellent opportunity for determining the temperature and humidity. The temperature at starting was 92 and at the highest point it was 35. At this point the air was exceedingly dry, though it had been saturated a few minutes before at 5,000 feet. The very rapid descent—more than fifteen feet per second—tested the psychrometer to its best, and it responded finely. The second rise to 6,000 feet checked the reading before made. We were at the highest point twelve minutes, and the second time at a height of 6,000 feet, ten minutes. Forty-six complete observations—barometer, psychrometer, magnetic needle and time—were made in 111 minutes. These observations showing the

DISTRIBUTION OF TEMPERATURE and moisture in the atmosphere were made with better instruments than were ever taken to so high an altitude before, and are the most satisfactory ever before made. The directions of the lower current was northeast, and that of the upper east, precisely as predicted. The velocity of the balloon was about thirty miles per hour, nearly due east. We landed in Hoffman, Ill., requiring the united exertions of thirty men to control the monster, and it was impossible to wholly subdue it without applying the rip-cord, which finally took his vital breath. None of the party is at all discouraged, but are all enthusiastic for another attempt, which will be made. HAZEN.

Preparing the Balloon for Removal.

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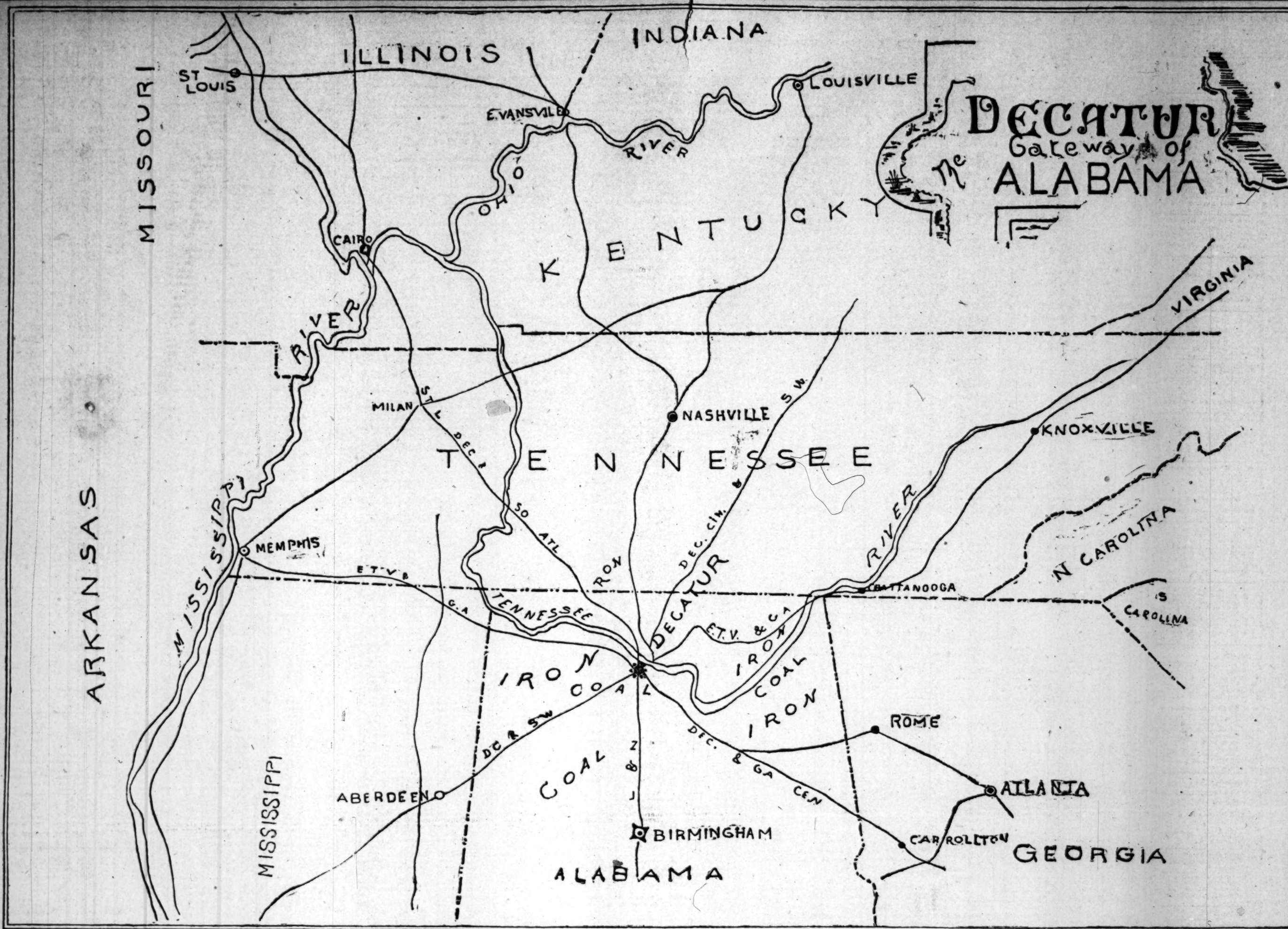
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The famous Valley of the Tennessee River is attracting almost as much attention from the country at large to-day, as it did twenty-five years ago when Grant was at Shiloh or Sherman was at Chattanooga. This valley in Northern Alabama is being over-run with men from the North even more effectively now, than it was in "war times." The developments going on here are simply wonderful, and the recital of bare facts makes the story sound like a fairy tale.

It is hard to prophesy what will be accomplished in this region in a few years. It is no rash prediction to express the belief that in five years this will be one of the centers of manufactures as well as a garden spot of the South.

Several of the towns in Alabama and Tennessee have in the past year made remarkable progress. While many of them deserve mention, the writer, being more familiar with Decatur, can describe it as the fairest sample of all.

THE CITY OF DECATUR.

Its advantages, as far as location is concerned, are certainly the best of any of the new towns. Its superior location as a business and manufacturing city is indeed unsurpassed. As a delightful place of residence, its climate is all that could be desired. Since the first of May the nights have been cool, and but few days have been uncomfortably hot. The new city has been beautifully and tastefully laid out, with handsome drives and pleasant parks in every direction, and the city will become known for its elegant residences and cozy homes.

The strides toward material prosperity are remarkable. While the last investors at Birmingham, Wichita, Findlay and other places are waiting quietly to see what the outcome may be, the people of Decatur are quietly at work building up their city. Although any one can buy a lot in Decatur, the Land Company are making no effort to sell to speculators or long-time investors. Their policy is to encourage actual settlers, business men and manufacturers to locate here.

Every encouragement has been given all such, and we know of no instance in which

the result has not been highly satisfactory to all parties. The manufacturers who have already located here are highly pleased with their prospects for business. The employees and other small business men are equally delighted with their choice of a home and business.

Every day manufacturers are here from all points of the compass looking over the situation. Before the winter several more new and important enterprises will be in operation here. Negotiations, which promise to be successful, are going on with one of the largest manufacturing establishments in Ohio. This will bring from 1,500 to 2,000 operatives here, and will be one of the most important enterprises located in the New South. The manufacturing establishments already located here outnumber and surpass in importance those located at any point in Alabama except Birmingham. They are of a more varied character than those found elsewhere, and for this reason deserve particular mention. Prominent among these are the "Chemical Charcoal Works," established by Dr. Pierce and others of Buffalo, N. Y.

These immense works occupy several acres on the river east of the city. They are being rapidly pushed to completion, and will be shortly in operation. The plant consists of over fifty immense ovens and other large buildings filled with machinery. The articles manufactured here will be fine charcoal, wood alcohol and acetate of lime. These are all made out of the cord-wood so plentiful here, with the addition of a small quantity of lime.

So economical are these works that every particle of the wood is consumed, even the smoke being consumed, and appearing in one of the manufactured products. The charcoal made here is of the best quality, and will enable the iron furnaces here to make the best charcoal iron in the world. The entire amount of the charcoal to be made here has been sold to the furnaces in process of erection. This charcoal, at 8 cents a bushel, will yield a handsome income and is clear profit, as the entire expense of the works is paid by the sale of the wood alcohol and acetate of lime. These latter mentioned products always find ready sale. These works will be the largest of the kind in the world, and, under the management of Mr. Church, will be highly successful.

The American Oak Extract works is a manufacturing of a similar peculiar character. At these works the valuable tanning properties of oak wood and bark are extracted and shipped all over the world in barrels wherever leather is made. The use of this extract makes a revolution in

THE MANUFACTURE OF LEATHER.

and saves the tanner much trouble and expense. The process saves the forests, for wood and bark are both used to make the extract, while the tanner in the old way can only use the bark. It may be mentioned that the "American Oak Leather Company," of Cincinnati, have contracted to take a carload a day of this extract.

As an iron manufacturing center Decatur is favored in many ways, but in no way more than she will be by the operation of the interstate commerce law. This will operate in every way to her advantage, and in no way to her injury. This and her other facilities have attracted here two of the largest manufacturing concerns in the United States. One of these is the engine and machinery factory of Ivens & Sons, which are now being removed here from New Orleans.

Their buildings are nearly ready for the placing of the necessary machinery, and the best of work will be turned out at prices as low as can be named anywhere in the United States. There is going to be an immense demand in the South for this class of work which has heretofore been mainly bought in the North and freighted here at a great expense. The importance of this manufactory can not be overestimated, and will prove a boon to Alabama and the neighboring States. The freights that will be saved on this kind of machinery will be of itself a handsome income to the company.

Akin to this establishment are

THE IRON BRIDGE WORKS.

being built by parties from Iowa. This will be one of the largest establishments of the kind in the United States. Every variety of bridge work, girders, pillars, etc., will be made here, and of a quality equal to any made elsewhere. The freight also saved on this class of work will be in itself a good profit.

Another important industry to which great attention will be paid is the working up of the abundance of fine timber found here. The lumber interest will be second only to the iron interest in Alabama. Planing-mills and saw-mills line the banks of the river west of the railroad, and some of these will be immense concerns. The clearing out of the forests of Michigan will make lumbermen look to Tennessee and Alabama for future supplies. Already this is becoming understood, and the best timber lands, as well as the iron lands, will soon be bought up by investors who know good things when they see them.

In regard to wood-working, no place in the South has better advantages than Decatur. Every kind of timber is near and available.

Huge rafts of oak, ash, poplar and walnut are floated down the river to the mills. Plenty of poplar and pine can be had down the railroad, and the projected roads will open the best timber region in the State to Decatur's industries. With all these advantages it is believed that Decatur will have natural gas in the near future. Boring has begun and the indications are most encouraging. If natural gas is struck in paying quantities at Decatur, look out for the boom of the present century right here.

THE CRYING NEED.

of this place is more houses. Rents are paying from 35 to 55 per cent on the money invested. One building costing \$1,500 is rented the first year for \$1,600.

A member of the firm of Inman & Co., of New York, was in Decatur to-day and signed the contract to put in at their expense a \$200,000 Water-works system. This act of a conservative New York house, the erection of such an expensive plant, (and that, too, without bonus or guarantee from the town) in a city of less than 2,000 inhabitants, shows their faith in the rapid growth and ultimate greatness of the gateway of Alabama.

To-day plans were drawn by Mr. L. B. Wheeler, the celebrated architect of Atlanta, for a club house to cost at least \$10,000. This will be erected immediately. But a review of what has been done in four months will give a good idea of the rapid progress made here, and the number of manufacturing enterprises which have been located. Remember that Decatur, up to the middle of January of the present year, was the sleepiest old town in the country. Its dilapidated buildings and dirty main street were no better than you can see in any of these old "dead-and-alive" Southern towns. Now mark the changes that a few weeks have brought forth. There are

THE FOLLOWING CONSTRUCTION.

1st. The Charcoal Company's plant, costing \$125,000. Fifty ovens are erected and ready for operation. Employees 200 men.

2d. A 70-ton charcoal iron furnace, costing \$100,000. Gordon, Lauder & Straubel of Philadelphia, builders. Employees 100 men.

3d. One 100-ton blast iron furnace, costing \$225,000, by the Decatur Land Improvement and Furnace Company. Employees 300 men.

4th. The Decatur Iron Bridge & Construction Company, George A. Mosser of Keokuk, Io., President; Mr. Robt. Curtis of Chicago, Vice-President. Cost \$100,000. Employees 150 men.

5th. The American Oak Extract Company, J. E. McCarty of Baltimore, W. Va., President. This is the largest enterprise of the kind in the world. Cost, \$25,000. Employees 100 men.

6th. Ivens & Son of New Orleans, steam engines and iron working plant. Building is 250 feet by 100 feet. Cost, \$100,000. Employees 100 men.

7th. Morse Cotton Compress, 90 inch, from Stearns & Co. of New Orleans. Plant costs \$15,000. Employees fifty-two men.

8th. N. E. Meade & Co. of Cincinnati, O.,

mammoth sash, door and blind factory. Cost \$50,000. Will employ 100 men.

9th. Berthard & Co. of Springfield, O., sash, door and blind factory, costing \$15,000. Employees twenty men.

10th. Brush Electric Light Company, for a thirty-light plant. Cost, \$8,000. Employees five men.

11th. The Ironton (Ohio) Wheelbarrow Company, costing \$25,000. Employees fifty men.

12th. Inman & Co. of New York City, Water-works System. Cost of plant, \$200,000.

13th. Blymeyer Artificial Ice Company of Cincinnati, to be in operation June 1. Cost of plant, \$10,000.

14th. Three brick yards are in operation at this place. One Hurks Dry Press Steam Machine, one Anderson Chief machines. Cost \$40,000. Men employed, ninety.

15th. Decatur Lumber Co., B. E. Foley, Auburn, Ill., Manager. Carries 500,000 feet of lumber in stock.

16th. Three hundred and fifty carpenters are engaged in erecting cottages.

17th. Natural Gas Co., A. F. Murray, President, H. G. Bond, of New York, Treasurer. Capital stock, \$200,000.

18th. First National Bank; capital, \$100,000. O. C. Harris, President; W. W. Littlejohn, Treasurer.

19th. Second National Bank; capital, \$100,000. Judge H. G. Bond, President; W. E. Wilson of Kansas City, Treasurer.

20th. Merchants' Insurance Co., of Decatur; capital, \$100,000. J. W. Nelson of Chicago, President; C. Feacher of Montgomery, Secretary.

21st. Decatur Building Association with a capital of \$200,000.

22d. Club-house Association with a capital of \$50,000.

23d. There are in operation

in this town already enterprises that pay out some \$50,000 per month in wages. This is in addition to the enterprises mentioned above.

Space does not permit me to mention the railroad facilities of Decatur except to mention the new line being built from here to Milan, Tenn. This connects there with the Illinois Central and makes an air line to St. Louis.

This line with the main line of the L. & N. and the M. & C. branch of the East Tennessee gives the best of railroad facilities.

There are other lines surveyed that will be speedily built.

The city has direct water communication already with St. Louis.

It is hard to write about such a town as this without seeming to exaggerate and yet if the most conservative capitalist in St. Louis should come here and examine for himself he would find that hardly the half has been told.

Joseph & Scovel.

It has been a little over four months since these two gentlemen entered into business in this beautiful and growing city by the Tennessee; business that time no firm has been so thoroughly identified with her interests and her welfare. They are gentlemen of means, push and energy, and it is a pleasure for us to recommend them to parties wishing homes in this attractive Southern country. For several years, Mr. Joseph has been

engaged with his extensive farming operations in South Alabama, and is thoroughly acquainted with the different varieties of soil peculiar to the State of his nativity, while Mr. Scovel, the junior member of the firm has held responsible positions in the judicial department of his State and is peculiarly fitted, and familiar with the duties necessary for the business of real estate and insurance. We speak of these gentlemen as we do because we think it right and proper, and a duty we owe our patrons and those who may think of investing or locating in Alabama that they should know something of the men who they propose to deal with. No firm stands better or higher in the estimation of Decatur's own citizens than the gentlemen whose names head this article. It is always a pleasure to note the progressiveness of a business firm whether we have known them long and intimately or not—men who are ever awake to the interests of themselves and the city they represent, and in this connection we would refer to the fact that their business has increased with such wonderful rapidity that they have found it necessary to employ an experienced stenographer in order to expedite the continued increase of business, and they are more than willing to receive and answer inquiries about this growing little town.

They are also agents for the widely known Capital City Insurance Company of Montgomery, Ala., which is one of the strongest and oldest institutions in the Southern States, whose reputation for honesty and fairness is not confined to the South alone, but throughout the North and West.

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agents among whom are some most excellent and reliable. Baldrige, Murray & Halsey are among the most widely known and best recommended. The firm is composed of Messrs. W. F. Baldrige and C. H. Halsey, both natives of Alabama, and Mr. A. F. Murray, formerly of Iowa. They have offices both in Decatur, next to the Lead Improvement and Furnace Company, and in Huntsville at the White building. Beside a real estate business the firm do a life and fire insurance business and make a specialty of abstracts for six counties surrounding there.

The firm refers by permission to the First National Bank of Decatur, the National Bank of Huntsville and W. E. Beeson & Co. of Huntsville, Ala.

White, Whips & Co.

The recent articles upon the New South, together with the great inducements offered by that section for the investment of capital, has turned the attention of progressive people to the rich country lying south of the Ohio. Of all the States none is so well known or striding so rapidly into popularity as Alabama.

Of all the phenomenal towns within her borders none are more attractive than the picturesque and growing city of Decatur on the bank of the paring Tennessee. One thing that gives stability to its business is the character of its citizens and business men. Among these none are more prominent or more thoroughly reliable than the gentlemen composing the firm of White, Whips & Co., dealers in stocks and bonds.

Mr. E. D. White is a native of Michigan and has spent a lifetime in the town of Montgomery, Mo. So well known is their reputation for reliability that the Bank of Decatur and the Farmers and Traders' Bank of Montgomery, Mo., the leading banking institutions of their respective cities are upon their business cards as unqualified references.

The offices of Messrs. White, Whips & Co. are opposite of those of the Decatur Land, Improvement and Furnace Company in Decatur.

We call especial attention to the fact of Crane & Brodix, real estate agents and brokers at Decatur, Ala., that appears in our columns to-day. They are one of the leading firms of the New South.

BURT D. CRANE.

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"THE STEEL-CLAD CITY OF THE SOUTH."

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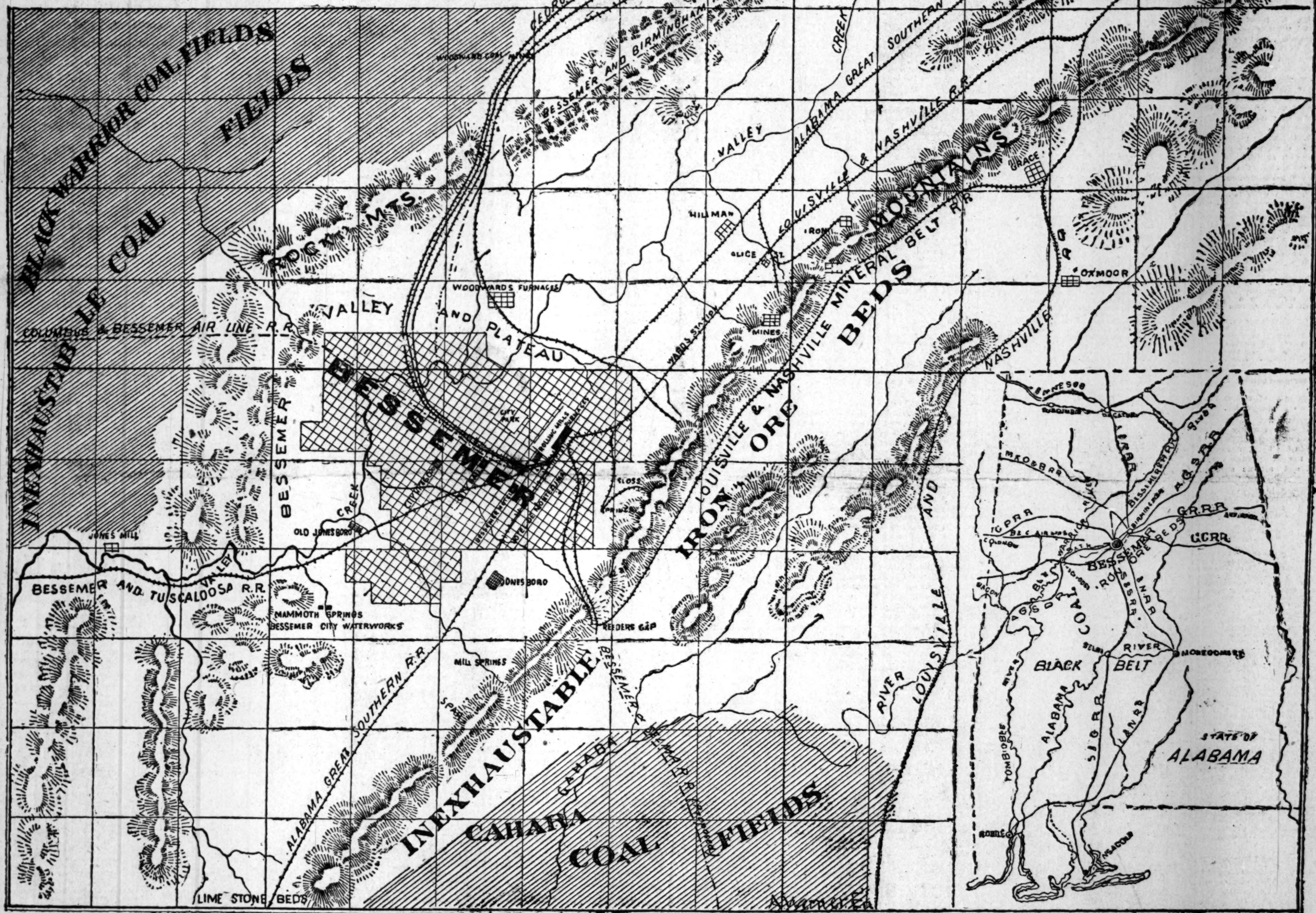
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H. M. MCNUTT, SECRETARY,
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At the hours of 10 o'clock, a. m. and 5 o'clock,
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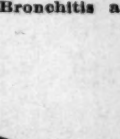
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SPECIAL NOTICES.

St. Louis City Bonds.

The Merchants' National Bank will receive subscriptions to a limited amount up to June 25, 1897, for St. Louis City twenty-year gold renewal bonds, bearing 6-80 per cent interest.

JAMES E. YEATMAN,
President.

St. Louis Ore and Steel Company.

The interest maturing July 1 on the bonds of this company, D. & S.—The Iron Works of the Army Load and Trust Company in the City of New York.

DIVIDEND NOTICES.

JUNIOR MINING & MILLING CO.
121 N. THIRD ST.
St. Louis, Mo., June 14, 1897.
DIVIDEND NO. 3.—The Board of Directors has this day declared a dividend of two and one-half (2½) cents per share of stock, payable 20th inst. Transfer books close 18th and reopen June 20, 1897.
GEO. H. BAKER, Treasurer.

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Proposals for Quartermaster's Stores.

JEFFERSONVILLE DEPOT, Q. M. DEPARTMENT,
JEFFERSONVILLE, IND., June 14, 1897.

SEALED PROPOSALS, in triplicate, subject to official conditions, will be received by the Quartermaster at this office until 11 o'clock A. M. (Central Standard time) on Friday, June 18, 1897, for the purchase of supplies which will be opened in presence of attending bidders, for furnishing and delivering at this Depot miscellaneuous Quartermaster's stores, such as, harness and Office Furniture, six-mile wagons, Export wagnas, ambulances, Douglas spring wagons, iron cases for war materials, blacksmithing, farriers', Wheelwrights', blacksmithing, carpenters', millwrights' tools, iron, hardware, paints, etc., etc.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to accept the whole or any portion of the supplies bid for.

Preference given to articles of domestic production and manufacture, conditions of price and quality being equal, and such prices as are given in articles of American production and manufacture produced on the Pacific coast, to the extent of 10 per cent discount required by the public service there.

Plans and specifications, and full information as to bidding, etc., will be furnished on application as follows:

Envelopes containing proposals should be plainly marked "Proposals for sale of goods at Jeffersonville Depot, Indiana," and addressed to the undersigned, Assistant Quartermaster General, **HUBBS SAXTON**, Jeffersonville, Ind.

TENDER'S SALE.—Whereas, Christ Deegan, by his certain deed of Trust, dated October 30th, 1886, and recorded in the Recorder's office of the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, in Book 812, page 207, conveyed to the undersigned the following described real estate, situated in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, to-wit:

Lot 1 addition, and block 3 of George Bailey's lot addition, and in block 1400 of the city of St. Louis, on the north line of Bailey avenue, by a sixth northwardly of one hundred and twenty feet (120 ft.) by lot 25 feet wide, located east of, west by lot 25 feet wide block and addition, south by Bailey avenue, 120 feet wide, being the same lots acquired by said Christ Deegan, from Wm. Lewis and wife, by deed of even date herewith, and said conveyance to the undersigned was made under and pursuant to the provisions of certain notes in said deed of trust described; and whereas, default has been made in the payment of the first of said notes now due, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said notes, and in pursuance of the conditions in said deed of trust, the undersigned, will on

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1897,
between the hours of 2 o'clock, a. m. and 5 o'clock, p. m. of said day, at the Court-house, in the city of St. Louis, Mo., sell the above described real estate at public vendue, in the presence of a jury of twelve men, who shall select the highest bidder for each lot, for the purpose of satisfying said notes and the costs of executing the writ.

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